

Raby Castle,
Saturday.

JOSEPH HARTAS,

In reply to your letter I can only say that I am very sorry for the circumstance which caused the dispute between you and Mr. Phillips; from what I can learn from the latter—however, it was by some mistake or some misconception that your friend by whome you sent your rent, did not receive the payment for your Oats supplied to the Castle. I have however now given directions for the amount being delivered at your house by Bell.

I can only repeat again I am sorry for what has occurred, and as I always have been, so shall I continue to be a sincere friend to toleration, by shewing an earnest desire to respect the religious and conscientious scruples of any one, be he my tenant or otherwise.

Your Well Wisher,

CLEVELAND.

[From the originals in the possession of the Misses Hartas, of Mansfield, grand-daughters of Joseph Hartas, 1915.]

East New Jersey, 1682

A valuable vellum document has been offered for sale by H. Stevens, Son, and Stiles, the well-known American booksellers, of Great Russell Street, London, and is now under the care of the Librarian of D. It contains an abstract of the title of the twelve Proprietors of East New Jersey, who purchased the Colony in 1682 from the Trustees of Sir George Carteret (d. 1680), the original grantee.¹ The purchasers were William Penn, Robert West, Thomas Rudyard, Samuel Groom, Richard Mew, Thomas Hart, Ambrose Rigge, Thomas Willcox, Hugh Hartshorne, John Heywood, Clement Plumsted and Thomas Cooper. Their signatures and seals are on separate tabs of vellum at the foot of the deed. The escutcheon of William Penn's seal is very clear. Four other heraldic seals have been used, and seven seals bear the initials "W. G." (probably William Gibson). Witnesses to the signatures of all save William Penn and Ambrose Rigge were William Gibson, Edmund Bannister and Harbert Springett. Penn and Rigge signed before Harbert Springett, J. Swinton and William Gibson. The document measures 15 by 20½ and is in very good preservation. The price asked is £125.

¹ A brief account of the transaction may be read in *Camb. Journal*, ii. 434.

Truth reigned in pure dominion and in the life of Truth were all Friends refreshed.

RICHARD HUBBERTHORNE to Margaret Fell, 1656.